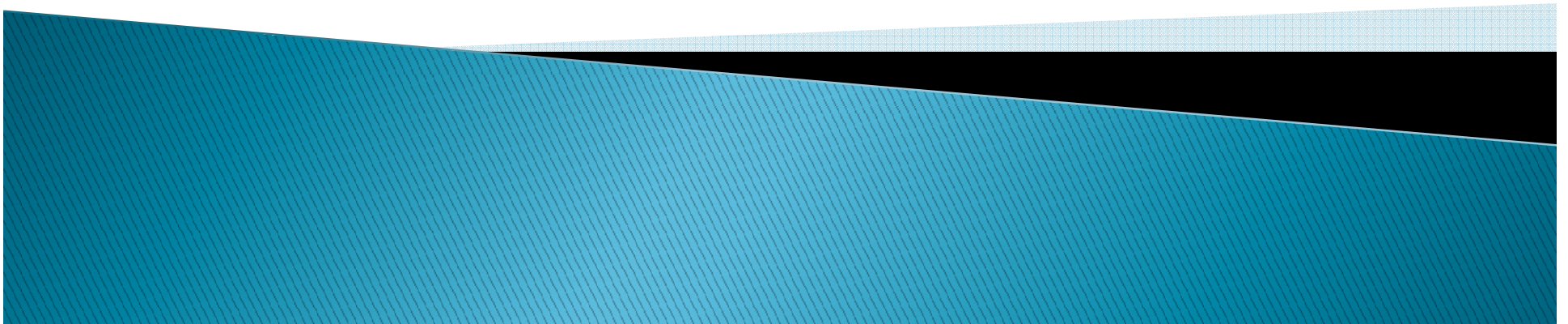
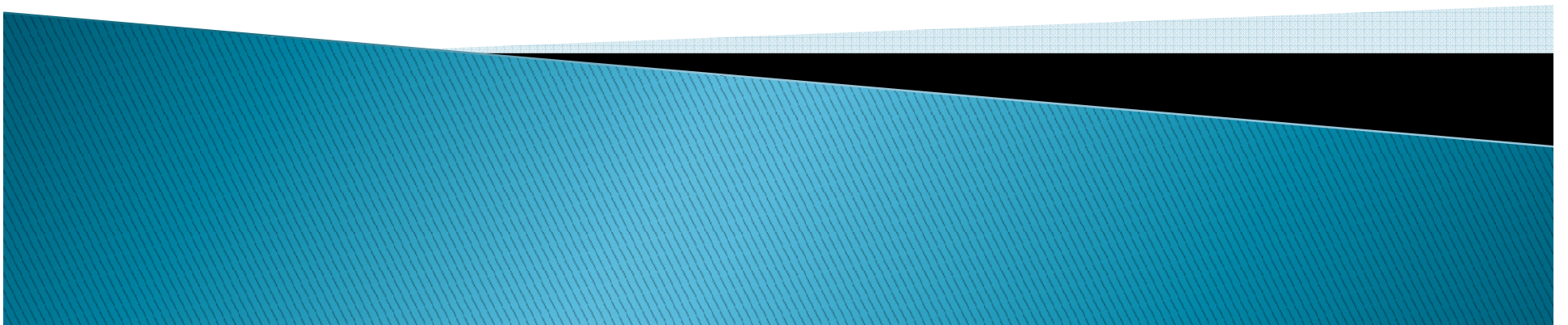


NH SEC: Coordinating Committee 2nd Meeting

October 30th at NH PUC
Raab Associates & CBI

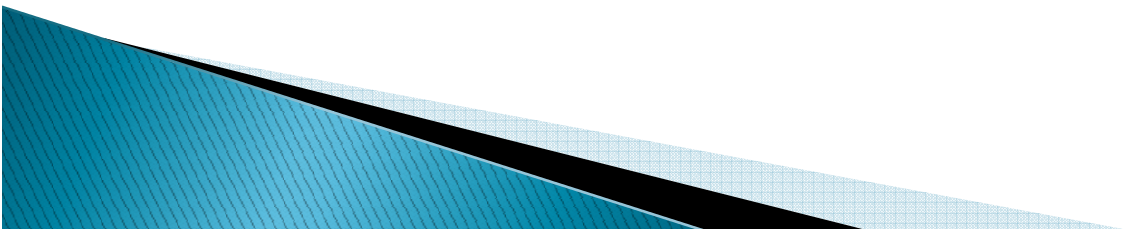


Research



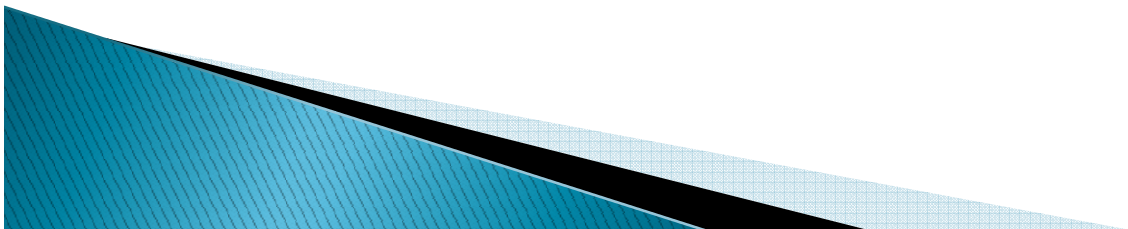
Purpose of Research

- ▶ Inform decision-makers, stakeholders, and the public
- ▶ Inform options for potential improvements (see Challenges and Options Matrix)



Summary of Research

- ▶ **NH Siting Process**
 - Review of secondary resources and state statutes
 - Discussion with SEC & CC members
- ▶ **Multi-State Review (New England and NY)**
 - Key questions/categories from CC
 - Review of secondary sources (see references)
 - Review of state statutes to clarify discrepancies
- ▶ **Task complete**



Outline of Key Topics

▶ Structure & Authority

- Siting body membership
- Staffing
- Funding
- Jurisdiction
- Role of Public Counsel

▶ Process

- Filing requirements
- Deadlines
- Process for decision-making
- Public engagement
- Role of Municipalities
- Monitoring and enforcement

▶ Findings & Criteria

- Findings necessary for approval
- Economic impacts
- Link to energy policy
- Alternative sites/routes
- Noise & aesthetics

Siting Bodies Size & Membership

State	Size	Members
NH	15 members representing 8 state agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dept. of Environmental Services (DES), Commissioner• DES, Director of Water Division• DES, Director of Air Division• Public Utility Commission (PUC), 3 Commissioners and a staff engineer designated by the PUC Commissioners.• Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED), Commissioner• DRED, Director of Parks and Recreation• DRED, Director of Division of Forests and Lands• Dept. of Health and Human Services, Commissioner• Fish and Game Dept., Executive Director• Office of Energy and Planning, Director• Dept. of Transportation, Commissioner• Department of Cultural Resources, Commissioner

Siting Bodies Size & Membership

State	Size	Members
CT	9 members for energy issues	5 appointed by the Governor, 1 appointed by the Speaker of House, 1 appointed by the President Pro-tempore of the Senate, the chairperson of the Dept. of Public Utility Control, and the commissioner of the Dept. of Environmental Protection
ME	<i>Review and permitting performed by state agencies. No independent siting body.</i>	
MA	9 members (6 public officials from 5 agencies & 3 public members)	The 6 public officials are (or are designated by): Sec. of Energy and Environmental Affairs; Sec. of Housing and Economic Development; Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection; Commissioner of the Division of Energy Resources; two Commissioners from the Dept. of Public Utilities. 3 public members are appointed by the Governor.
NY	7 members (5 public officials from 5 agencies & 2 ad hoc public members)	The 5 public officials are: Chair of the Dept. of Public Service, Commissioner of the Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Commissioner of the Dept. of Health, Chair of the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority, Commissioner of Economic Development (Empire State Development). 2 ad hoc public members must be residents of locality of proposed development.
RI	3 members from 3 agencies	Chair of the Public Utilities Commission, Director of Dept. of Environmental Management, Associate Director of Statewide Planning
VT	3 members	All 3 members are the Public Service Board Commissioners nominated by the Vermont Judicial Nominating Board, appointed by the Governor of Vermont, and confirmed by the Vermont Senate.

Siting Bodies and Staffing

STATE	STAFFING
NH	A Legal Counsel, Administrative Assistant, and Stenographer are appointed for the duration of the proceedings. No other staff members assist the SEC directly. Various agency staff must review the filings and studies, issue the appropriate permits and participate in the hearings as part of their other responsibilities.
CT	1 siting analyst assigned per project with oversight by a Supervising Siting Analyst.
ME	3 technical analysts, 2 attorneys at Maine PUC
MA	11 members of Dept. of Public Utilities Siting Division serve as staff to the Siting Board
NY	Dept. of Public Service provides a presiding examiner and legal, technological, scientific, engineering and other services as needed. Dept. of Environmental Conservation provides an associate examiner. The Secretary and the General Counsel for the Public Service Commission serve as Secretary and the General Counsel for the Siting Board.
RI	No full-time dedicated staff on distinct payroll. Public Utilities Commission provides: Coordinator, Legal Counsel, and Policy Analyst during EFSB Dockets.
VT	Public Service Board has 24 dedicated staff although the Board handles many responsibilities apart from siting.

Size & Type of Covered Facility

State	Generation Facilities	Transmission/pipelines	Renewable Energy
NH	>30 MW	Transmission: >100kV and 10 miles outside of existing ROW; >200 kV all other Pipelines: >10 miles	>30 MW required; between 5-30 MW on SEC's own motion
CT	All generating facilities using fuel	Transmission: 69 kV or greater Pipelines: >200 psi	> 1 MW
ME	> 20 acres in size; all hydro facilities	Transmission ≥ 69 kV Pipelines: all pipelines within state-designated infrastructure corridors	≥ 3 acres in size and > 100 kW
MA	> 100 MW	Transmission: >115 kV and 10 miles within existing transmission corridor; > 69 kV and 1 miles outside of existing transmission corridor Pipelines: > 1 mile and 100 psi	>100 MW
NY	>25 MW	Transmission related to interconnection of a generating facility; Pipelines to bring fuel to generating facility	>25 MW
RI	All "major" energy facilities	All "major" energy facilities	All "major" energy facilities
VT	>150 kW non-farm/>250kW farm	Transmission: >46 kV Pipelines: any feeder main or any pipeline facility constructed to deliver natural gas in Vermont directly from a natural gas pipeline facility	All above net metering

Opt-In Provisions

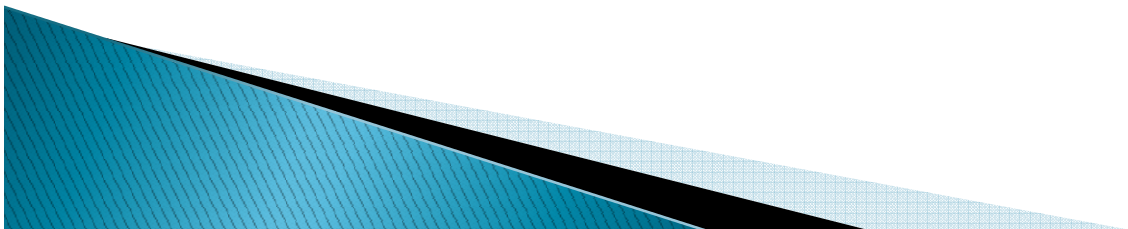
<i>State</i>	<i>Opt-in</i>	<i>Comments</i>
NH	Yes	By motion of the SEC, the applicant, or petition by 2 community-based interests
CT	No	
ME	No	
MA	No	
NY	Yes	By applicant
RI		
VT	N/A	All facilities subject to review

»» Focus Groups

Focus Groups

► Groups:

- Environmental NGOs (15 confirmed, 16 invited)
- Business, Industry, & Labor (3–4,
- Transmission/Pipelines (6 confirmed, 9 invited)
- Energy Facilities (non–wind) (7 confirmed, 10 invited)
- Wind Developers (6 confirmed, 7 invited)
- Local Government and Citizen Organizations (16 confirmed, 21 invited)
- State Agencies (5 confirmed, 11 invited)



Focus Group Agendas

0:00 Welcome, Purpose, & Groundrules

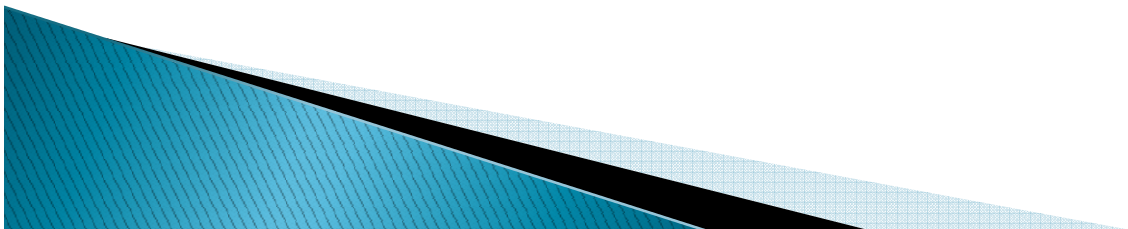
0:10 Participant Introductions (including one
SEC issue or concern like addressed)

0:20 SEC Structure, Authority, & Process

1:35 Break

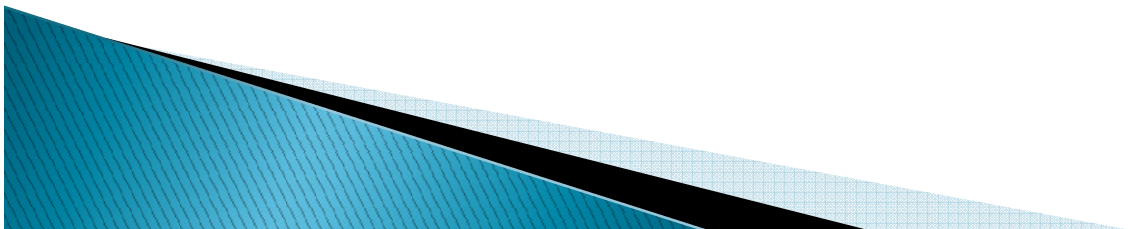
1:45 SEC Decisionmaking Criteria

3:00 Adjourn



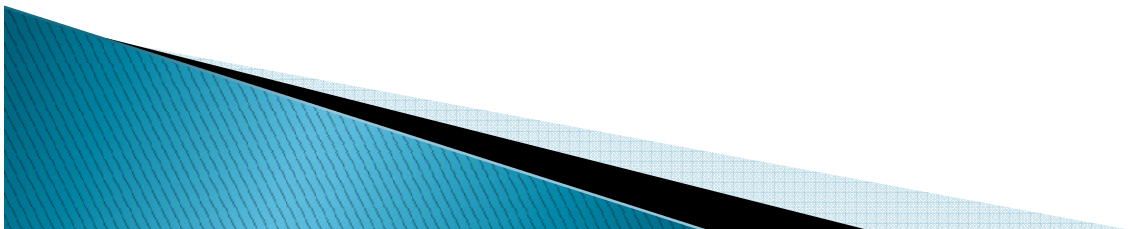
Approach to Structured Feedback

- ▶ Disseminate NH and multi-state research papers, and challenges/options matrix ahead of focus groups, then at the meeting:
- ▶ Step 1: Facilitators describe status quo and challenge for each column in matrix (5 minutes)
- ▶ Step 2: Participants discuss which challenges are most significant/important to resolve (10 minutes)
- ▶ Step 3: Focus group prioritizes challenges w/sticky dots (5 minutes)
- ▶ Step 4: In order of priority to focus group, focus group discusses options to resolve challenge (adding options if their preferred option not there), and then show of hands who supports each option—recording only numbers supporting each option (not names); repeat for as many challenges as time allows (55 minutes)
- ▶ Step 5: This exercise is repeated twice—once for each worksheet (structure/authority/process 1st, then decisionmaking criteria 2nd)
- ▶ Note: If a new option not on original matrix gets significant support from a particular focus group, we will endeavor to add that to matrix for subsequent focus groups. Also, given time constraints, may not get feedback from every focus group and every challenge.



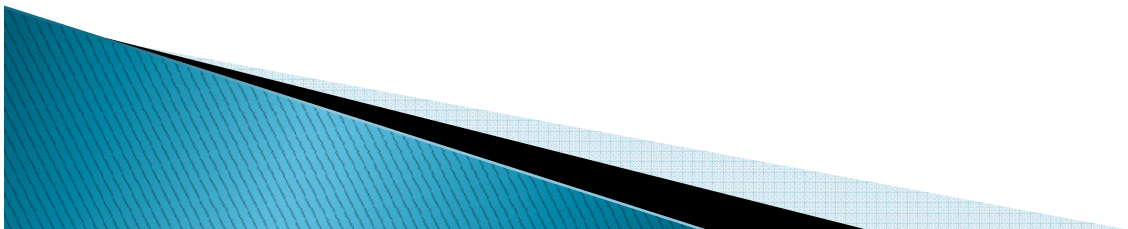
Citizen Workshops: Purpose & Approach

- ▶ The culminating event of the entire engagement process is the Citizen input
- ▶ Purpose is for NH Residents to:
 - learn about the outcomes of the research
 - exchange views
 - provide structured feedback on potential options for change
- ▶ Approach/Structure
 - provide summary of research ahead of time (OEP website)
 - citizen break-out groups to discuss challenges and options
 - structured feedback and input through keypad polling
 - opportunity to provide supplemental comments to OEP verbally at the end of each workshop



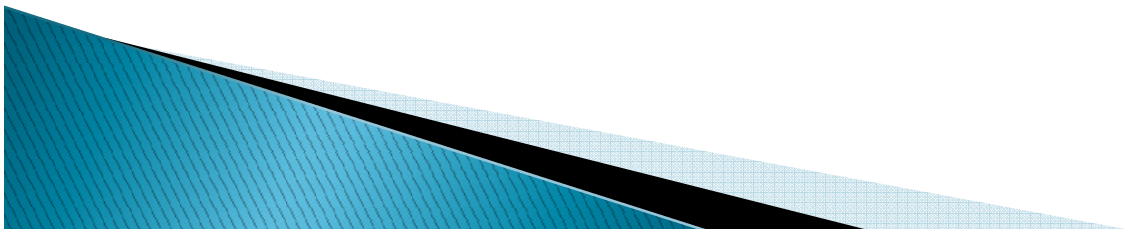
Workshop Locations/Timing

- ▶ Dates: December 3,4,5,9,10
- ▶ Locations (Subject to Change):
 - Manchester
 - Portsmouth
 - Keene
 - Conway
 - Littleton
- ▶ Status of specific locations in each town?



Citizen Workshop Issues

- ▶ Need to limit each workshop to 150–200 citizens—space and keypad limitations
- ▶ Citizens should attend workshop closest to where they live; and can only attend one workshop
- ▶ Workshop recruitment strategy
 - CC members access their networks
 - Post on OEP website
 - State and local media?
 - Other suggestions?
- ▶ Raab Associates/CBI will handle registration, but not lead actual recruitment



Remaining CC Meetings

- ▶ November 13 (1:00–4:00 PM)
 - Brief review focus group results
 - Citizen Workshops
 - Agenda
 - Presenters/Panelists
 - Polling questions
 - Recruitment/sign up
- ▶ December 19 (9:00–Noon)
 - Review/comment on draft final report

